powers to collect without much difficulty the slight taxes which they have been empowered to impose. The members must have some amount of confidence in the Department. This department has been doing useful work and it must be given the necessary powers. I would request that the Bill may be given a fair chance and the matter examined and if necessary suitably modified. If per chance it is your opinion that the Bill should not be proceeded with at all, then you can throw it out. There is no occasion to stifle a measure which has been introduced in the best of interests.

Motion put and lost, 17 for and 32 against.

The Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill

Section 20.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I beg to move that the Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill (Section 20) may be read in Council.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.— I second it.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—This Bill definitely confines itself to Municipal areas. It is a non-controversial measure and I hope it will meet with the approval of the House.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon.—Sir, I support this Bill and it has been referred to all Municipalities for opinion and we have come to the conclusion that for proper administration it is always good to have a Statutory Inspector. The Chairmen are not full time officers and they have to depend upon their executive officers and if there is an expert authority to supervise the work of the executive staff by surprise inspections, certainly we can get better work and we shall also be glad. Our difficulies are not now being appreciated by the Government because our cry is a cry in the wilderness. Therefore if a Government officer is appointed as Statutory Inspector, he will understand our difficulties and report the matter to the Government. These officers will be compelled to make recommendations to the Government about our difficulties. Then the question of contribution which has been lying idle willagain loom large and I support the motion for the amendment of the Municialp Regulation.

Motion put and carried.

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Secretary to the Council.—The title of Bill is "The Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill"

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I move that the Bill may be taken into consideration after suspending S. O. 32.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. President.—The question is that Clause 2 stand part of the Bill.

Addition of a new clause to section 20.

2. After section 20, clause (2) of the Cochin Municipal Regulation, XI of 1096, add the following as clause (3). —

"3 The Director of Public Health shall, the Statutory Health Inspector of all Municipalities, concerning all matters relating to public health that are referred to in part IV of the Regulation. He shall have access to such Municipal property or premises and shall be entitled, subject to any rules that may be framed by the Government for his guidance, to inspect such registers, books, accounts and other documents and to require such information as he may consider necessary to enable him to discharge his duties as Statutory Inspector. Such recommendations as may be made by him in connection with the matters referred to in part IV of the Regulation shall be carried out by the Municipal Council concerned so far as possible and in cases where the Municipal Council disagrees with such recommendation or finds itself unable to carry them into effect that fact shall be promptly reported by the Municipal Council to the Government whose orders on the matter shall be final."

Clause put and carried.

Mr. President.— The question is that clause 1 stand part of the Bill.

Short title, extent and commencement.

1. (1) This Regulation may be called the Cochin Municipal (Amendment) Regulation, of 111.

(2) It shall extend to the whole of Cochin and shall come into force at once.

Clause put and carried.

Mr. President.— The question is that the title and preamble stand part of the Bill.

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THE COCHIN MUNICIPAL REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Whereas it is found expedient further to amend the Cochin Municipal Regulation XI of 1096, it is hereby enacted as follows:—

Preamble.

Title and preamble put and carried.

The whole bill put and carried.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I move that the Bill may be taken up and finally passed tomorrow.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill Section 3 (5)

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I beg to move that the Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill be read in Council.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I second it.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—It is a non-controversial Bill. The definition of Company as it stands is not quite exhaustive. Several companies registered elsewhere than in the British Empire are able to evade taxation on account of the narrowness of the existing definition. The present definition will be more comprehensive.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon.—I support it.

Motion put and carried.

Secretary to the Council.—The Title of the Bill is "The Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill."

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I move that the Bill may be taken into consideration forthwith after suspending S. O. No. 32.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. President.— The question is that clauses 2 and 3 stand part of the Bill.

2. Delete section 3 (5) of the Cochin Municipal Regulation, XI of 1096. and substitute for it the following:—

Amendment of section 3 (5) of Regulation XI of 1096.

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